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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR JOVA'S ARRIVAL

1. AMBASSADOR JOVA'S RECEPTION BY THE MEDIA ON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT WAS GENERALLY CORDIAL. HE DELIVERED HIS PREPARED STATEMENT WITH VERY LITTLE CHANGE IN TEXT AND UPON BEING QUERIED BY THE PRESS HE GAVE BRIEF REPLIES. Q AND A FOLLOW.

2. Q. MR. AMBASSADOR, WHAT ARE YOUR RELATIONS WITH THE CIA?

A. NONE. IN 1947 I ENTERED THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES THROUGH COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION, AND THAT IS MY PRIDE.

Q. MR. AMBASSADOR, IT IS SAID THAT YOU OPPOSED ALLENDE'S RISE TO THE PRESIDENCY OF CHILE.

A. THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO ME TO BE THE TIME TO DISCUSS A MATTER THAT ALMOST INVOLVES MIXING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY. I KNOW HOW INSISTENT MEXICANS ARE ON THE RIGHTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT IN ANY CASE I CAN TELL YOU THAT I ALWAYS HAD A GREAT RESPECT FOR ALL THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE.

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Q. ABOUT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S TRIP TO EUROPE, HIS VISIT TO

ROME, HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE POPE -- DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS  
IS ANOTHER EFFORT TOWARD WORLD PEACE?

A. SINCE THE PRESIDENT (ECHEVERRIA) ALREADY HAS WORLDWIDE  
RECOGNITION IN HIS MISSION FOR PEACE, I EXPECT FOR HIM GREAT  
SUCCESS IN HIS TRIP, ALTHOUGH I SHOULD NOT EVEN MENTION IT  
YET, UNTIL I HAVE PRESENTED MY CREDENTIALS.

3. COMMENT: AIRPORT RECEPTION WENT VERY WELL. AS INDICATED ABOVE,  
AMBASSADOR MET TWO INHERENTLY CRITICAL QUESTIONS HEAD-ON AND  
RESPONDED VIGOROUSLY. SUBJECTS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE RAISED AGAIN  
BUT FIRM GROUNDWORK LAID FOR FUTURE RESPONSE ON THESE ISSUES.  
JOVA

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